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FOLLOWING THE BRIEFING BY GENSCHER ON HIS MIDDLE EAST
TRIP, FONOFF POLITICAL DIRECTOR LAHN AND NEAR EAST
DIRECTOR BOEKER PROVIDED ADDITIONAL DETAILS ON THE
FOREIGN MINISTER'S TRIP. THESE INCLUDE:

1. OCCUPIED TERRITORIES: SYRIAN PRESIDENT ASAD HAD
CALLED IN STANDARD TERMS FOR A COMPLETE ISRAELI

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EVACUATION OF ALL OCCUPIED TERRITORIES. SYRIAN
FOREIGN MINISTER KHADDAM, HOWEVER, HAD SAID THAT, IN
THE INTERESTS OF PEACE, IT WAS BEST NOT TO TALK ABOUT
BORDER QUESTIONS NOW. HE HAD ADDED IN AN ASIDE
SOMETHING WHICH GAVE THE IMPRESSION HE WAS THINKING
IN TERMS OF SMALL TERRITORIAL ADJUSTMENTS ON BOTH SIDES
OF THE FRONTIER, BUT HIS REMARKS WERE NOT CLEAR. THE
GERMAN DELEGATION CAME AWAY WITH THE IMPRESSION
THAT THERE WAS PROBABLY SOME FLEXIBILITY IN THE SYRIAN
AND JORDANIAN POSITIONS, ALTHOUGH THEY WERE NOT WILLING
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TO SAY SO OPENLY.

2. PALESTINIANS: ASAD IMPLIED NO PRESSURE FOR
RECOGNITION OF THE PLO. IN DISCUSSIONS HE REFERRED
ONLY TO THE PALESTINIANS AND MENTIONED NOTHING ABOUT
ANY EXILE GOVERNMENT. EGYPTIAN PRESIDENT SADAT
AND FOREIGN MINISTER FAHMY WERE HOPEFUL THAT THE

PALESTINIANS MAFESTO MIGHT BE MODIFIED, FACILITATING PALESTINIAN FLEXIBILITY. SADAT SAID HE HAD "ALWAYS ADVOCATED" THE LINK BETWEEN JORDAN AND A PALESTINIAN STATE, BUT THAT THE RABAT MEETING HAD MADE THINGS MORE COMPLICATED. THE GERMANS FELT THAT ARAB THINKING IS MORE AND MORE IN THE DIRECTION OF A PALESTINIAN STATE COMPOSED OF THE WEST BANK AND GAZA. AT ONE POINT, SADAT HAD REFERRED TO AN "AUTONOMOUS" PALESTINIAN STATE.

3. PROSPECTS FOR PEACE: ASAD SAID THE ARABS WERE READY FOR PEACE BASED ON THE PRINCIPLES OF ISRAELI EVACUATION OF ALL OCCUPIED TERRITORIES AND CREATION OF A PALESTINIAN STATE BUT THAT ISRAELI INTRANSIGENCE WAS BLOCKING EFFORTS TOWARD A SETTLEMENT. ACCORDING TO ASAD, IT WAS UP TO THE U.S. TO PUT PRESSURE ON ISRAEL TO MODIFY ITS ATTITUDE. EUROPE'S ROLE WAS TO PERSUADE THE U.S. TO DO SO, HE SAID.

4. GENEVA CONFERENCE: AS REPORTED REFTEL, FAHMY WAS IN FAVOR OF CONVENING THE GENEVA CONFERENCE AS SOON AS FEASIBLE, IF ONLY FOR A FORMAL SESSION FOLLOWED BY A POSTPONEMENT OF SEVERAL MONTHS. SADAT HAD INDICATED SUPPORT FOR THIS IDEA. LAHN DOUBTED THAT SADAT WOULD ACCEPT AN INDEFINITE POSTPONEMENT OF MEPC.

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5. SAUDI "MARSHALL PLAN" FOR EGYPT: BOTH FAHMY AND SADAT HAVE GREAT HOPES FOR THE SAUDI "MARSHALL PLAN" AIMED AT SHORING UP THE EGYPTIAN ECONOMY. ACCORDING

TO SADAT, 2 BILLION DOLLARS IN AID HAVE ALREADY BEEN APPROVED, ALTHOUGH A TOTAL OF 6 TO 8 BILLION DOLLARS IS NEEDED. LAHN COMMENTED THAT THE SAUDIS WILL UNDOUBTEDLY INCREASE THEIR INFLUENCE IN EGYPTIAN AFFAIRS IF THE PLAN IS IMPLEMENTED. (ON THE SUBJECT OF BILATERAL FRG-EGYPT AID, THE GERMANS SAID THERE WAS NO TALK OF SPECIFIC FIGURES. THEY INDICATED AID TO EGYPT THIS YEAR WOULD BE AT THE SAME LEVEL AS LAST YEAR'S.)

6. THE GERMAN BUSINESSMEN WITH GENSCHER HAD BEEN FAVORABLY IMPRESSED WITH THE OUTLOOK IN SYRIA AND IN SYRIAN PROFESSIONS OF MORE OPENNESS TO WESTERN PROJECTS, INCLUDING A WILLINGNESS TO GUARANTEE INVESTMENTS.

7. EGYPT AFTER THE RIOTS: WITHIN EGYPT SADAT MAY HAVE RECOVERED MOST OF THE PRESTIGE HE LOST DURING RECENT DISTURBANCES. HOWEVER, IN OTHER ARAB CAPITALS, ESPECIALLY DAMASCUS, HIS POSITION IS SEEN AS BEING WEAKER THAN BEFORE.

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